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1. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MR. BRUCE TO MR. GAYLORD FREEMAN OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, WITH A COPY TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMSTRONG:

2. QUOTE I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR CABLE OF SEPTEMBER 14 AND AM SORRY TO LEARN THAT THE PRC LIAISON OFFICE IN WASHINGTON HAS NOT APPROVED YOUR GROUP'S REQUEST FOR VISAS TO ENTER CHINA IN NOVEMBER. I CAN ASSURE YOU, HOWEVER, THAT MR. HAN'S STATEMENT ABOUT CROWDED FACILITIES IN PEKING IS CORRECT. MOREOVER, THE PERIOD BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER A CANTON FAIR (THE TIME OF YOUR PROPOSED VISIT) IS ALWAYS A PERIOD WHICH STRAINS CHINA'S LIMITED HOTEL AND TRAVEL FACILITIES ALMOST TO THE BREAKING POINT.

3. QUOTE AMONG THE MANY AMERICAN BUSINESS GROUPS WHICH HAVE APPLIED FOR VISAS TO VISIT CHINA, ONLY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR US-CHINA TRADE HAS THUS FAR RECEIVED A FAVORABLE RESPONSE. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THIS SITUATION WILL CHANGE AND THAT IT WILL BECOME POSSIBLE FOR GROUPS SUCH AS YOURS TO VISIT PEKING AND OTHER CHINESE CITIES. IN THE MEANTIME, I SUGGEST YOU KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MR. HAN AND EXPRESS TO HIM YOUR HOPE THAT YOU MIGHT LEAD ANOTHER GROUP TO CHINA WHEN THE TIME IS MORE CONVENIENT. DAVID BRUCE END QUOTE.
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